

a plurality of base stations forming respective radio zones that overlap each other;

a mobile station transportable between said radio zones; wherein

each of said plurality of base stations having announcing means for sending announcement information including an order of priority of said plurality of base stations to the mobile station located one of said radio zones, and

said mobile station having:

control means for selecting the base station in said plurality to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on the order of priority of the base stations included in the announcement information transmitted from said plurality of base stations, said selected base station providing an electric field intensity to said mobile station at least equal to a predetermined level.

26. (Amended) A mobile station for use in a mobile communication system, comprising control means for selecting a base station from a plurality of base stations to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on an order of priority of said plurality of base

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stations included in announcement information from said plurality of base stations, said selected base stations providing an electric field intensity to said mobile station at least equal to a predetermined level.

33. (Amended) A base station forming a radio zone that overlaps radio zones formed by other base stations of a plurality of base stations in a mobile communication system;

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announcing means for sending announcement information including an order of priority of said plurality of base stations constituting the mobile communication system to a mobile station located in one of the radio zones, a sending base station being selected by a mobile station in accordance with said order of priority when an electric field intensity from said base station to said mobile station at least equals a predetermined level.

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36. (Amended) A mobile station for use in a mobile communication system including a plurality of base stations which respectively transmit announcement information including an order of priority of said plurality of base stations,

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said mobile station comprising control means for selecting a base station to which a request for a message channel is to be issued, based on said order of priority of said plurality of base stations included in said announcement information from said plurality of base stations, said selected base stations providing an electric field intensity to said mobile station at least equal to a predetermined level.

REMARKS

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1-16 were allowed.

Additionally, allowable subject matter was found in claims 19-22 and 34 and 35. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent format including the limitations of the base claims 17 and 33, respectively, and any intervening claims. These claims containing allowable subject matter but not allowed were not amended in independent format at this time in the respectful belief that the amendments herein provide allowable subject matter in the base claims.

Claims 17, 18, 23-27, 29-33, and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness over Meier (5,673,031)